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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Tomoaki HOSHINO**

Group Art Unit: **1647**

Serial Number: **10/566,269**

Examiner: **Cherie Michelle Woodward**

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For: **SOLUBLE HUMAN INTERLEUKIN 18 RECEPTOR-a, METHOD
OF ASSAYING THE SAME, ASSAY KIT AND MEDICINAL
COMPOSITION**

Attorney Docket Number: **062052**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 13, 2006

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 13, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claim 1, Group II, claims 2-8, Group III, claims 9-10, and Group IV, claims 11-14.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group I, Claim 1** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **with traverse** as set forth in the Remarks.

Further, Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.